

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original): An optical fiber cable comprising at least one central strength member, at least one optical fiber, a metallic conductor surrounding said fiber and, surrounding said conductor, a layer of an insulative composition comprising mainly a mixture of polymers comprising at least one high-density first polymer and one low-density second polymer which has a lower viscosity than said first polymer.

Claim 2 (original): The cable claimed in claim 1 wherein said first polymer has a melt flow rate less than 6 g/10 min.

Claim 3 (original): The cable claimed in claim 1 wherein said first polymer is a high-density polyethylene and said second polymer is a low-density polyethylene.

Claim 4 (original): The cable claimed in claim 1 wherein the proportion of said second polymer is at most 20% by weight of said polymer mixture.

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Claim 5 (original): The cable claimed in claim 4 wherein the portion of said second polymer is from 5% to 20% by weight of said polymer mixture.

Claim 6 (original): The cable claimed in claim 1 wherein said insulative composition further contains additives.

Claims 7-10: Cancelled.